

REMARKS

No claims have been amended or cancelled. Claims 1-22 are pending in this application.

The Double Patenting Rejection

The Examiner rejected claims 1-22 under the judicially-created doctrine of double patenting over claims 1-22 of U.S. Patent No. 6,232,481. Applicant does not admit that the pending claims are obvious in view of the claims of Patent No. 6,232,481. However, to expedite prosecution, a Terminal Disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321 is enclosed herewith to obviate this rejection.

CONCLUSION

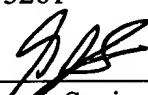
Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney (612) 359-3261 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

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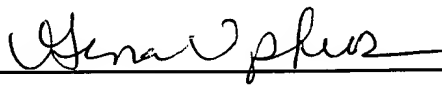
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